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CUPID'S CANDIDATE.

"All the world a lover loves," and a candidate
Who goes a-wooing does n't hurt his chances, I may state;
Of others you may take your choice, but, Benny, he is mine;
So I'll help the boom of the happy groom, as his party's Valentine.



AT THE AFRO-AMERICAN CLUB.

"Dey nebbah had no right to hab dat roostah on de fishul ballot, nohow."

"Why did n't dey?"

"It was a mean trick to cotch de cullud vote!"

THE TIME SPECIFIED.

A certain road is not only paved with good intentions, but most of the pavement is laid at the beginning of the New Year.

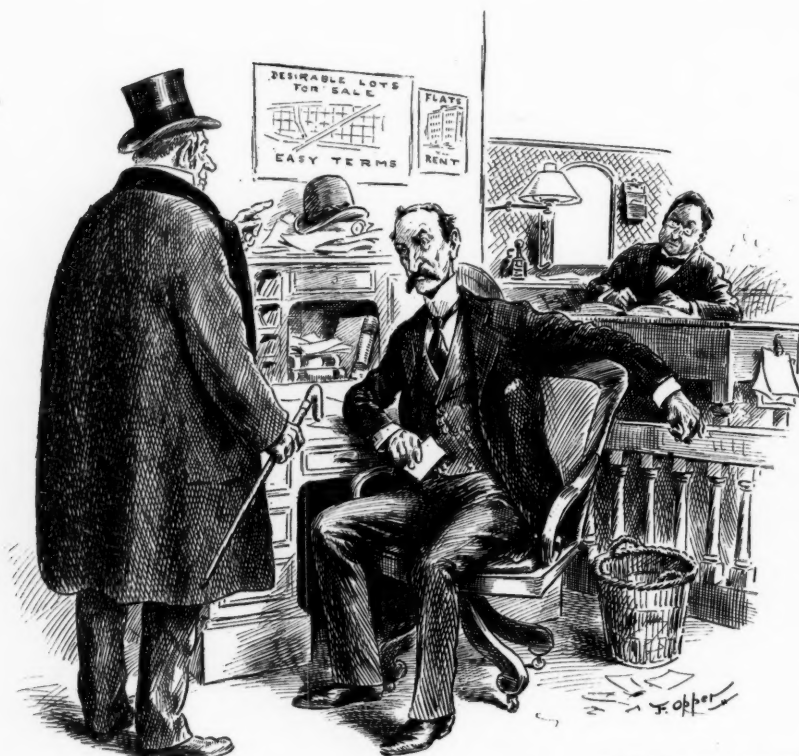
THE CONDITION of our coast-defences may be a matter of grave concern; but a well-authenticated case of a patriot who has lost any sleep on that account would attract attention.

WHAT HAS become of those bullet-proof coats in which we used to take a languid interest?

BRAINS ENOUGH FOR THAT.

CHOLLY SAPHEAD is not what would be called a brainy man, but he manages to get off a bright thing every time he meets a lady on the street.

OF ALL the conspirators against the horse — the bicycle, the trolley, the cable-car, the horseless carriage, and the Constitutional Amendment against racing — the last-named is the only one that never touched him.



TIME FOR ACTION.

LANDLORD.—I think you 'd better change the janitor.

AGENT.—Why, there has n't been a complaint against him for months!

LANDLORD.—No; and since he has the tenants so completely terrorized as that, I think we ought to get rid of him.

THE WAY TO PROPOSE.

TELL HER that she is like the moon,
(You mean that she will change as soon;)
Say, "dark would be the night without her,"
(In spite of satellites about her!)
Vow that she is just like a rose,
(A simile that always "goes",)
And praise her eyes and clustering locks,
(And find out all about her "stocks";)
Say that you court her for herself,
(But keep your eye upon the pelf!)
Quote all the poetry that you know,
(And bring in "love and Cupid's bow";)
"You never saw a waist so slender!"
(A ticklish subject—don't offend her!)
And, if she will not have you then,
Why—change your girl, and try again!

La Touche Hancock.

HIS EXACT POSITION.

FIRST CITIZEN.—Is it true that you said you did n't believe in the Monroe doctrine?

SECOND CITIZEN.—Nonsense! Of course I believe in it. I only said that I don't know just what it is.

POETS ARE born, not made; and Poets Laureate are made, not born.

[It is probable that the British lion will be severely stung by a whole swarm of Presidential bees during the next few months.



SHOCKED.

UNCLE BACKWOODS.—I see it says here some of them New York banks have been doin' business for thirty years, and never closed their doors.

MRS. BACKWOODS.—Dear me, how careless! I wonder anybody trusts 'em with their money.



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A Valentine of Long Ago

LITTLE SUSIE WINTERBLOSSOM was the sweetest girl in town,
Not another girl in Tompkins had sech roguish eyes of brown;
Not another girl in Tompkins had sech curly, golden hair
Ner a cheek so full o' roses when the frost was in the air.

Little Susie Winterblossom, how my lovin' heart would beat,
Jus' to see her twenty-rod ahead a-walkin' 'long the street!
Little Susie Winterblossom, how my lovin' heart stood still
When I onexpected' met her near the old McVickar mill!

How I hated Willy Haskell when he seen her home from church,
Leavin' bashful me a-cryin' 'cause he 'd left me in the lurch!
How I waited near the willows till he come along that night,
With a chip upon my shoulder, so 's to make him stop an' fight!

Little Susie Winterblossom, I am old an' gray, an' yit
There 's a Valentine occasion that I never kin fergit.
I had saved me up two shillin' by the hardest kind o' toil,
But I spent it unbegrudin' in the store o' Druggist Hoyle,

Fer the beautifulest Valentine with lovers' knots o' blue,
An' the fattest kind o' Cupids an' the motto "I'll be true!"
An' I sent it off to Susie, hopin' she would know the hand,
(But without my 'nitals on it, fer I did n't have the sand.)

Little Susie Winterblossom, I remember how that day,
Mamie Perkins give a party an' we all rode in a sleigh
Up to Salamanca Corners on the Chipmunk Hollow road,
An' with me the saddest youngster that was in the lively load.

Little Susie Winterblossom, years have come an' years have sped,
Bringin' many sorrows with 'em on this grizzled farmer's head;
But no sorrow of the number kin in any way compare
With the sorrow that I suffered as I see you settin' there

Makin' eyes at Willy Haskell jest across the narrow sleigh,
Smilin' sweet at Willy Haskell in the most distractin' way,
Blushin' red fer Willy Haskell (Darn the pesky little cur!)
Thinkin' he had sent the Valentine I paid two shillin' fer!

Earle H. Eaton.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

(From the Legal Records of 1900.)

AS THE prisoner arose in answer to the charge, a perfect storm of hisses broke loose; and, even after the first outbreak had subsided, cries of "Shame!" "Brute!" were heard. It was noticed that the women present were the most clamorous. And when the prisoner turned and surveyed them with supercilious indifference their fury knew no bounds.

When the prosecuting witness, bearing the marks of the brutal assault received at the hands of the accused, told the dreadful story of strike and blow in faltering accents, the spectators were again visibly affected. Cries of "How dreadful!" "Oh, you poor thing!" were heard on all sides. No testimony in rebuttal was offered. It was a flagrant offense, without excuse or justification; and after the terrible summing up of the Public Prosecutor the jury found the prisoner guilty without leaving their seats. The Judge thanked them for their just and fearless conclusion; and, after the uproar of the applause had died out, gave the prisoner the full penalty of the law.

It was the first conviction under the revised statutes; and while imprisonment for twenty years may have seemed a severe sentence, yet the crime of which the prisoner had been proved guilty had of late grown so prevalent that drastic measures were deemed necessary.

The trial, famous in itself, was the uppermost topic of the time, marking, as it did, a new era in jurisprudence. The papers got out extras announcing in big headlines the conviction of Hannah, the Husband Beater; and everywhere the verdict met with popular approval.

R. L. Mc.

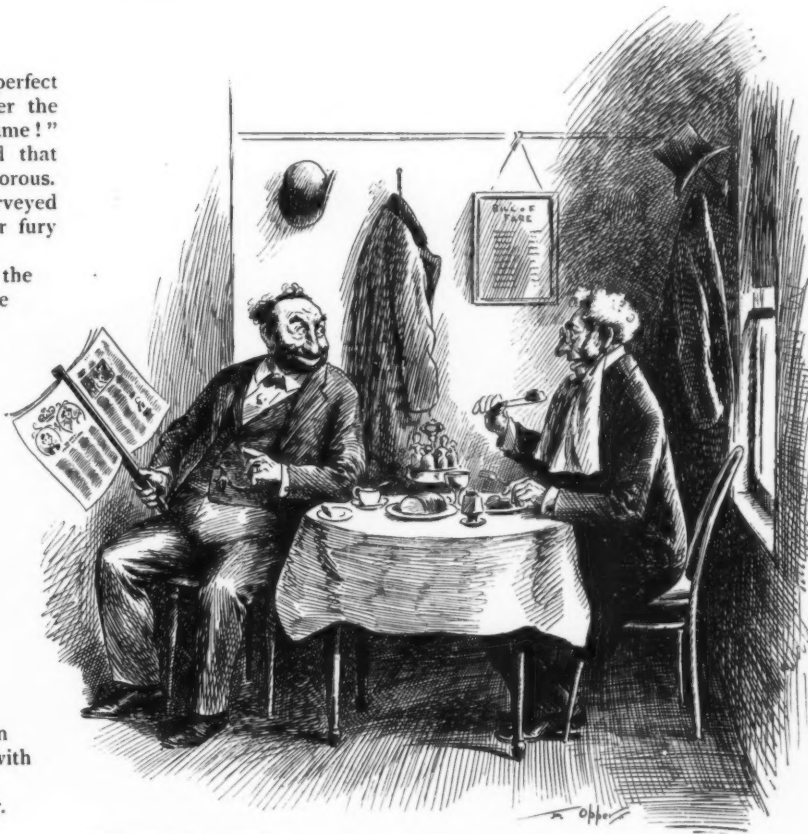
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

HE.— Her treatment of Jack has made him an anti-vivisectionist.

SHE.— How is that?

HE.— He knows what it is to feel cut up.

MANY A MAN gets the idea that Fame has her eye on him when she is only gazing over his head at some one else.



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A LONG SHOT.

ISAACHEIMER.— If I had a gouple of millions Repecca might marry into der nopility.

COHENSTEIN.— But dem nobles must be very expensive to support?

ISAACHEIMER.— Yes, dot 's so; but if der shildren vos boys efery vun of dem might marry a heiress, aindt it?

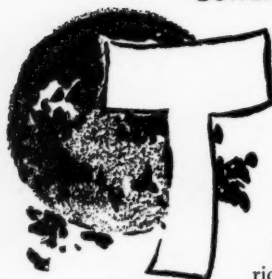
A VALENTINE.

Lady! when the postman knocks
You'll find no lace one in a box;
Not even a gilt-edged one for a dime,
And no butterflies are on me;
And your starry eyes may con me
In a fashion I know well, but nary time
Will you find a gilt heart stabbed,
Or with silvery arrows jabbed
In my breast or on my surface anywhere.
Find no turtle doves a-cooing;
Find no cherubim a-wooing;
Saying things which I would never dare.
On my forehead not a line
Says that I am "wholly thine;"
That would be a whopper, sure; and I shine
In the golden glint of truth;
In the glamour of my youth;
And I'm only just

Your
Comic
Valentine.

Madeleine Orvis.

CONCERNING DRESS AND DESTINATION.



THE OTHER day I heard a mother say of her boy, who had been invited to go to Boston, distant a hundred miles from his home: "Oh! he can't go; his clothes are n't nice enough." And yet he had just returned that morning from a trip of thirty miles.

I am an old bachelor, with but a slight, and that a somewhat bookish, knowledge of children, and so I asked her whether they were generally dressed according to the distance they were to be from home.

I spoke in good faith, but she told me not to be ridiculous.

Whether I am ridiculous or not, this incident opens up a new field for thoughtful observation. I have seen children who evidently lived within five minutes' walk — indeed, some looked quite at home, while I passed a child yesterday who was plainly from the Pacific coast, at least, and probably from further than that.

The subject, as I say, is a new one with me, and I am not yet become an expert in determining how far one is from home by the quality of his apparel, but I dare say that there are some who can tell within a couple of leagues.

Imagine what a stranger Solomon must have appeared, most of the time. And, by the same token, the lilies of the field are all exotics. And the ladies that occupy the boxes at the opera are evidently on a visit — which doubtless accounts for their overplus of conversation.

Something of this idea of dress must have been shared by our earliest progenitors, for it was not until Adam and Eve left home that they dressed at all.

For myself, none to see me would imagine that I was dressed to "wander from my own fireside," and yet I have been as far as Hoboken.

That this rule for dressing is not generally strictly followed I have not the slightest doubt; for look at the tramps. Did the rule hold with them, as their clothing got ragged and yet more ragged, they would become, as the children say in their games, "warmer and warmer," and yet, as a matter of fact, they have no homes.

History does not warrant us in believing that this, the-further-from-home-the-better-you-must-dress theory, has always been carried out. Beau Brummel may have made "the grand tour," but was he a great traveler? On the contrary, was the late lamented Daniel Pratt, "the great American Traveler," a dressy person?



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NOT NECESSARY.

MR. HUGGARD.—Ah! darling, must I say good night?
HARSH VOICE FROM TOP OF STAIRS (full of sarcasm).—
Not necessarily, young man; not necessarily! If you wish to be truthful, you must say good morning.



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COMPENSATION.

THE FIRST ONE.—I saw you speaking to Mrs. Hyman, of Chicago, just now; (with a sigh)—poor woman, she's had many trials.
THE SECOND ONE.—Yes; but she always got alimony.

But it is an indisputable fact that the idea of dressing to go away is inborn in most of us, and I expect to read some such advertisement as this before long: "Good, all-round suits for home or abroad. Adjustable buttons, lapels and bindings of varying qualities. Fringes for trousers for home wear. Our best goods can be made shabby in a few minutes, or *vice versa*. Call and see our styles. Our mileage business suits are very attractive."

But the way things look now, I shall paddle around near home in my old suit for at least another Winter.

Charles Battell Loomis.

CLOSE-MOUTHED.

JESS.—George asked me last night if the roses on your cheeks were genuine.

BESS.—And you said?

JESS.—Nothing—simply winked.

HE KNEW BETTER.

WILLIS.—Did you smoke that cigar I gave you?

WALLACE.—No; I—I traded it off for one I had.

HOOKING HIM.

MISS WILLING.—I think your father will propose to me very soon.

YOUNG POKELONG.—Ah! And what will be your answer?

MISS WILLING (coolly).—Don't you think I ought to tell him that I'll be a— a daughter to him?

HIS CHOICE.

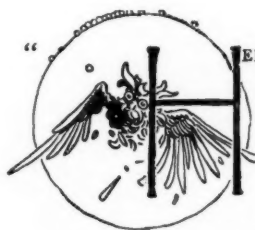
THE POET.—No; I shall never marry.

SHE.—You'd rather keep on writing poetry, would you?



WILLING TO INVESTIGATE.

LADY OF THE HOUSE.—Would you be willing to work it you had a chance?
 WARY WILLY.—How remote is the chance?



HORSE AND HORSE.

"HELLO, GRIMSHAW! Beautiful morning, is n't it?"
 "How 'r' yer, Borrowby?"
 "By Jove, old chappy! Never saw you looking so well before! How is the wife?"
 "Very well, thank you."
 "And the kid? Gad, old man, that three-year-old of yours is the smartest little chap in the city!"
 "Thanks!"
 "By the way, what was that cunning remark he got off about — er — er —"
 "Have n't time to tell it now, Borrowby."
 "Oh, yes — business is booming, of course! Glad of it, 'pon my soul; nobody deserves success more than you do!"
 "Thanks, I'm sure."
 "Oh, not at all! Not at all! But say, Grimshaw, just let me have fifty or so till day after to-morrow, will you?"
 "Borrowby, who was the first man?"
 "Why, Adam, of course! But what —"
 "Who built the Ark?"
 "Noah. What do —"
 "Who was the strongest man?"
 "Sampson, I believe. But, look here —"
 "Who discovered America?"
 "Columbus. But what under the sun —"
 "Who was the Father of his Country?"
 "George Washington. Confound it, Grimshaw! What —"
 "Who —"
 "Confound it, Grimshaw! What in thunder are you trying to get at, anyhow?"
 "Just trying to break it to you gently that you can't work me for that fifty, Borrowby!"

Tom P. Morgan.

BADLY DISFIGURED.

WILLIS.—I don't suppose I'd know Wheeler on his bicycle.
 WALLACE.—Why, you would n't know him off it! Have n't you seen him since he tried to ride it?

HER VALENTINES, 1895-'96.

Last year Jack gave Mabel a highly-wrought panel
 Of festive, fat Loves on a tropical scene;
 This year his coin flows in a different channel —
 (They wedded while leaves were still tender and green) —
 For lately a need has arisen of flannel
 And muslin and wool and a sewing-machine.

Edward W. Barnard.

NOT THE FAULT OF THE INSTRUMENT.

MR. BARLOW (*looking at thermometer*).—Gee Whilikens! But the thermometer's stood near zero all day!
 MRS. BARLOW (*with asperity*).—What else could you expect? You would hang it out there on that cold, bleak porch! Bring it in the house.

NOT FULLY COINCIDING.

YOUNG SPOONER.—So that's the younger Miss Brown? Pretty big girl, is n't she?
 MISS SPIGHTLEIGH (*who does n't like her*).—U'm — er — she's large; yes.

TOO SOON.

VON BLUMER.—My wife said she would meet me at the corner at five o'clock.
 DIMPLETON.—And it's now five-thirty.
 VON BLUMER.—I know it. I always was ahead of time, anyway.



UNDER CONSIDERATION.

MRS. COBWIGGER.—Now, Freddy, if you're not a good boy, I'll send you to bed without any dinner.
 FREDDY.—Say, Ma, what are we going to have for dinner?

SOME PEOPLE are so accommodating that they are a positive nuisance.

THE GREAT trouble about the turning point in a man's career is that it has no sign post.

IF PEOPLE saw their blessings one-half as often as they see their sorrows there would be more good neighbors in this world.



MATHEMATICS.

FRIEND.—Ah, Professor! Calculating the approach of the next comet?
 THE PROFESSOR.—No; I have a more difficult problem than that. I'm trying to figure out what I did with the change of a five-dollar bill.

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS.

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MISTRESS (*showing NEW GIRL how to cook*).— And then you put in a handful of salt. Now do you think you understand perfectly?
NEW GIRL.— Oi do thot, Mum.



MISTRESS (*at dinner*).— Good gracious, Nora! this soup is so salty we can not eat it. Did you only put in a handful of salt, as directed?
NEW GIRL.—Yis, Mum; only one handful!

ANENT THE 14TH INST.



WHEN MY short Summers numbered nine,
My heart still aching yet because
I'd learned there was no Santa Claus,
I turned then to that saint benign,
Love's patron, good Saint Valentine,
And on the Fourteenth of February
I bought a Valentine for Mary.

Smith was her other name. It had
Some verses written "To My Love!"
Borne by a pretty, snow-white dove.
'T was lace and gilt, such was the fad
In Valentines when I, a lad,
Bought one and thought to send it with
A three-cent stamp to Mary Smith.

I'd picked her out of all the crowd
When first we met; 't was at a party;
But she, she sniffed and called me "smarty,"
Turned up her nose, in fact was proud,
Nor in the kiss games once allowed
My near approach; in fact, did spurn
All forfeits when it came my turn.

Her father kept a butcher store;
I longed to be a butcher man
In jacket knit of cardigan,
For this he in all seasons wore,
And weighed three hundred pounds or more.
Her brother, in his teens, was callow;
He greased his boots with mutton tallow.

Ah, me! by some mischance I sent
That Valentine, with fond love freighted,
Unto the schoolma'am, whom I hated.
The "comic" for the teacher meant
Unto the lass I well loved went.
Both knew from whom their missives came.
The teacher smiled; but, just the same,

That brother big caught me and whopped
Me black and blue, straightway, forthwith;
While cruel, scoffing Mary Smith
Stood by and laughed, nor stayed nor stopped
Her brother, till his tired arm dropped.
He ate beefsteak three times a day,
And whopping me for him was play.

Old Smith these many years is dead.
His son, who harshly used me so,
Now runs the beefsteak studio.
And Mary? she long since has wed
Her brother's Dutch assistant, Fred.
Thus dainty cards by Tuck and Prang
Rouse up old mem'ries with a pang.
Roy L. McCardell.

OBLIVIOUS.

BLANCHE.— Was n't it intensely cold last night?
GRACE.— I really don't know. Jack and I went sleighing.



A WELCOME EPISTLE.

SHE.— There must be good news in your letter.
HE.— Why, it's from Cousin Bob. He just writes to say that it is n't convenient for him to pay me that money he borrowed.
SHE.— I don't see anything in that to make you look so pleasant.
HE.— But he does n't ask for any more.

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

RUM IN OUR SCHOOLS.

A MAN'S STOMACH is all his own. He has a right to fill it up with what he likes. But man has not learned this simple truth. He wastes untold energy in devising laws to regulate his neighbors' diet. Of course, he knows his own right to eat and drink what he wishes. No man ever voluntarily denied himself a drink he craved, because of a prohibition law. He is quite sure he can be trusted to treat his own stomach with distinguished consideration. But he worries about other people, and he wants the Law to look after them. It is not putting it too strongly to say that this meddlesome longing to shape his fellows' habits in religion, dress, diet and morals has been, next to greed, the chief hindrance to civilization. Man has never learned to mind his own business, and the world has always been full of trouble, in consequence. And so any movement showing even a dim perception of this truth should be eagerly welcomed.

What is known as the Ainsworth law in New York is a partial recognition of the fact that something besides laws is necessary to keep men and women from becoming drunkards. It provides that the effects of alcohol and other narcotics upon the human system shall be taught in the public schools. The idea is a good one. A boy can learn nothing more useful at any school than how to cater wisely to his stomach; and of all the dangers that threaten the efficiency of that important member, one of the gravest is, of course, a tendency to the immoderate use of narcotics. If this study were made a part of the course in all schools, great benefits would result. We should have fewer victims of the drink habit—fewer foolish laws—and much less corruption in our politics. The Prohibitionist—the man who believes temperance is a matter only of passing a law—is responsible for the influence of the saloon in politics. He dragged it in when he passed his first law, and it will stay there so long as he tries to dictate the drinks of other people. But, while this law is excellent in intention, its enforcement is sadly defective. The New York State Central Committee for Scientific Temperance Instruction—what great things we naturally expect from a name like that!—claims to be responsible for the law, but the text-books supplied under its provisions are lamentably unscientific. There is no more reason for teaching children untruths in this study than in any other. They are not taught, even in their earliest lessons, that the moon is composed of cheese, nor that $2 \times 2 = 5$; and why should they be given wrong ideas about liquor? It can not be urged that the end justifies the deception, for the end must be that the young student will learn that he has been deceived in part, and be tempted to doubt all. The constant tendency to mislead in these text-books makes one suspect that the enemies of strong drink are afraid to rest their case on its merits. They have depended, to an unwise extent, upon metaphor of the "Demon Rum" variety, and they show such a resolute antagonism to facts that they almost always twist them out of shape. The abuse of liquor is a horrible evil—but why teach a boy that his father and mother and grandfather and grandmother, who use it rationally, are afflicted with an awful disease that is almost invariably fatal? He has a respect for his parents' intelligence, and he will hardly believe that the wine they drink at dinner—or the occasional bottle of beer—is what the text-book tells him it is—a rank poison. Would it not be better to teach him the truth: that wine, or beer or whiskey have their uses as well as abuses? A knowledge of their uses would, it seems, only impress him the more with the deplorable possibilities of their misuse. These text-books not only mislead constantly, but they occasionally utter barefaced lies, as when they say: "Countries where wine is made, such as Switzerland, France, California and Persia, are scourged by drunkenness." In the first place it is not scientifically true that any country in the world is "scourged" by drunkenness. And in the next place it is notoriously true that countries where light wines are made and drunk have less drunkenness than most others. The custom of drinking light wine, ale and beer, instead of distilled liquors, is generally believed to reduce drunkenness—and certainly this text-book libels the "country" of California—for there is no soberer state in the Union. New Jersey, with its smaller output of apple-jack, staggers much oftener.

It is also an untruth to say, "the worst kind of tobacco is used in making cigarettes"—giving the impression that they are made exclusively

from bad tobacco. Cigarettes are bad enough and present many points for attack, so why not admit that many of them are made of the best tobacco obtainable? "Not a single fact can be brought forward in their favor," says the text-book—which is not exactly true, since some smokers defend them very ably. One stricture upon smoking is delightfully ingenuous, pathetic—almost: "The use of tobacco in any way imparts a strong, disagreeable odor to the breath and clothing, which would be condemned socially if so many were not addicted to it." That is, if it were not so popular it would be mighty unpopular. A good part of the space is devoted to an exposition of the art of distilling, fermenting and brewing. We do not know why. We think chapters on "How to Get a Drink on Sunday without Buying a *table d'hôte* Dinner," "How to Conceal a Growler in a Hat-Box," and "What to do the Next Morning," would have been quite as appropriate, and certainly more practical. The text-books seem to be, in fact, a combination of "The Brewers' Guide and Hand-Book" and an old-fashioned temperance lecture. The law is a good one, but it should be rightly enforced. We do not think it is ever wise to teach children anything but the truth. In this case it might drive them to drink.

AN OBVIOUS SOLUTION.

FARMER JAY.—The Venezoelean boundary was shown on the map when I was to skewl. Wy don't they leave it accordin' to the map?

HE DEFIES HER.

"What is England's objection to arbitrating the dispute with Venezuela?"

"Why, John Bull is a heavy weight, and Venezuela is not in his class!"

TRYING TO PLEASE.

"You had better scare up a few rebels and pull off some sort of a battle to-morrow," said the Spanish General.

"I will do the best I can," replied the adjutant; "but what's the necessity?"

"Two new war correspondents arrived this morning, and I want to give them some sort of a run for their money."

A GOOD TIME IN PROSPECT.

"I want you to come around Tuesday night and meet some of the boys."

"What are you going to do?"

"We're going to break some New Year's resolutions."

TO CARRY on the Anglo-German hostilities, why not let the Kaiser and Alfred Austin write poetry at each other?



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A MODERN HERO.

SHE (romantically).—Ah, George! would you could—like the knights of old—do some brave, heroic deed to show your love for me.

HE.—Have n't I? Why, I have worn this hand-painted necktie you gave me Christmas every day since.



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AN AWFUL DAY OF RECKONING AT HAND FOR JOHN BULL—EL



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IRELAND'S DREAM OF AN IRRESISTIBLE ANTI-ENGLISH ALLIANCE.

THE ROMANCE OF A SAGE.



HEN PLATO was a young man, and before he became a philosopher, he met a beautiful young girl whose charms made a deep impression on his susceptible nature. When he called on her afterward, by appointment, he concluded that he had greatly under-estimated her attractions. A second visit convinced him that she was even more beautiful and more amiable than he had previously supposed. He called quite frequently after that, and, sometimes, when he took his departure, the midnight moon was shining on the Parthenon. On other occasions there was no moon.

When the Summer came, Plato and the girl went boating on the Ægean; and on Saturday afternoons he used to run down and see her at a well-known summer resort in the Archipelago, at which she was spending a few weeks prior to her annual sojourn in the mountains. In the Fall they attended the Olympic Games; and he taught her how to keep the score-card and denounce the umpire. In the Winter they went to see representations of the tragedies of Sophocles and Euripides. The girl did not care much for Greek tragedy, but it was the best thing that was to be had, farce comedy, grand opera and the society drama being unknown to the ancients. The girl's appetite appeared to be normal, and her taste in flowers refined and expensive.

During the following Spring, Plato, in one sudden, desperate moment, completely forgetting an elaborate and eloquent preamble which he had carefully prepared, told her that she was the only girl he had ever loved; and that he could not live without her. For a moment she was silent; and then, looking at him out of the depths of her innocent blue eyes, she said she was very sorry, but she really never had intended to give him any encouragement; she esteemed him highly and hoped he would find some one worthy of him; and, further, that she would always regard him with sisterly affection. And Plato, immediately before going home, observed that he could never love another; a statement which he made in good faith but subsequently discovered to be incorrect.

As he walked slowly and sadly home, it occurred to him that he was in a position in which he could use philosophy in large quantities; so he proceeded to manufacture a lot of it for his own consumption. And finding himself adapted for the business, he turned his entire attention to it and became a renowned sage, as we all know. But he never forgot his youthful romance, and he thought and wrote much about that particular brand of affection which has become known as "Platonic." The term, indeed, has been grossly misunderstood by people who have not read Plato in the original; but he expressly defines it as "the affection of the girl who can only be a sister to you; who esteems you highly and hopes you will find someone worthy of you, and who is deeply pained to be obliged to show you the marble heart!"

W. M.

WHEN NEW YORK IS BOMBARDED.

FRIEND. — Where is your War Correspondent?

EDITOR. — Gone out of town. First time in years.

THE ANTI-ENGLISH combination seems to be reduced to Germany and Ireland.

FROM THE COUNTRY, BUT SHE KNEW.

EVELYN. — Did you know, Grandma, that cyclists learn to ride in academies in New York?

GRANDMA HAYTOP. — Did I know it? Well, I rather think I did! I saw one of them 'cycloramas' the last time I was down to the city.



HIGHLY DELIGHTED.

JONES. — You look particularly jolly and contented, with such a mug on you.

SMYTHE. — Why should n't I? You see, old chappie, an Irishman licked me because he thought I was an Englishman!

IT SEEMED COLDER THAN OUTSIDE.

FIRST SHIVERER (in street-car). — I h-h-ear the street-car companies forbid their conductors to stay in the cars longer than the time actually required to collect the fare in cold weather.

SECOND SHIVERER. — I s-s-suppose the companies fear the men would freeze - z - z - ze to death if they staid in the cars too long.

INCONSISTENCY.

TRAVELING MAN (receiving his change). — Here! I don't want all this silver. It's too heavy in my pocket.

COLORADO CASHIER (sneeringly). — And yet you Eastern people claim that every dollar of it is about forty cents too light!

INFORMATION WANTED.

MR. CHURCHLY. — My friend, I trust you are in favor of the American Sabbath?

HIS FRIEND. — Do you mean the side-door system?

A CHAOS OF SOUNDS.

FIRST VISITOR (in Central Park). — Do you believe that anyone can understand the chatter of those monkeys?

SECOND VISITOR. — I should think not. It sounds to me like an animated discussion of the currency question.

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And the most deliberate?
Great Corncocks, man!
You know not what
You're talking about!
What if a little wine do flow
And sparkle in the sun?
Is there not need of something joyous
When all around is gloom?
And do you think
That champagne costs no more
Than sankumsooley does,
That nectar of the farmer which
Your tongue is fitted to?
Say, would you have these passing souls
Sent C. O. D.?
No doubt you would
If by that plan
Your wise economy might get
The praise it lacks.
Oh! bearded pard
Of anarchism!
You make us tired,
Go to—
To any place, right now;
And, though you may not see the show,
There'll be a funeral pageant which,
Regardless of expense,
Will break the record, sure.
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You
Won't
Say
A word against it.
See?

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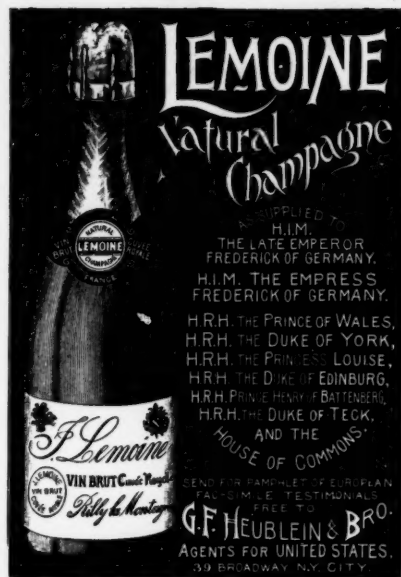
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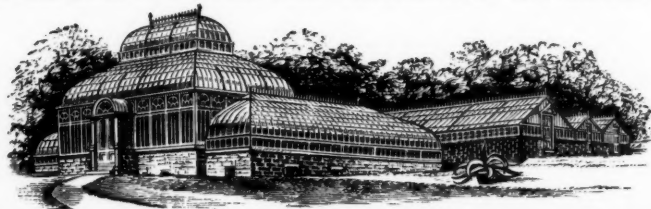
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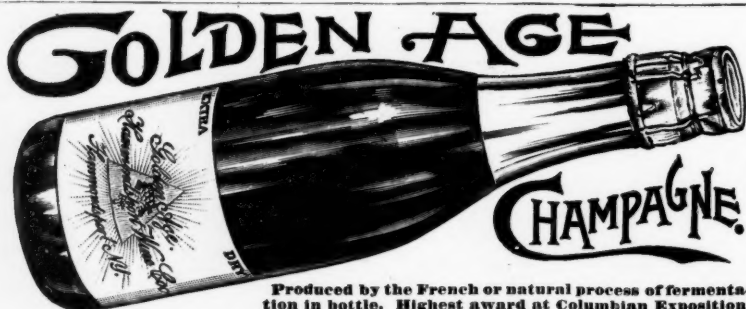
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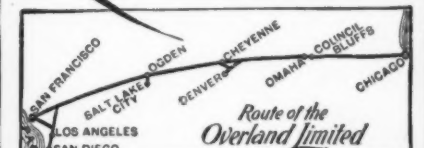
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